GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VISIT OF U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
GADDE RAMAMOHAN;HARIBHAU MAHALE;M.V.V.S MURTHI;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia visited India recently;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held; and (

(c) the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Yes, Sir. The U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs Ms. Christina Rocca visited India from 23-25 July 2001.

(b) & (c) Ms. Rocca`s visit provided an opportunity to continue the on-going dialogue with the new U.S. Administration on our shared desire of building a more meaningful and productive relationship between India and the United States, covering political, economic and security matters. Towards this end, the two discussed further strengthening of the bilateral Dialogue Architecture. In addition, the two sides also exchanged views on regional developments. Ms. Rocca was also briefed on the recently held Summit level meeting between India and Pakistan in Agra. Further, the two sides discussed a wide range of multilateral issues, including UN peacekeeping, international terrorism and the forthcoming World Conference against Racism.